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## ANSWERING CALL OF THE Y. M. C. A.

**ORGANIZATION MADE TO COLLECT QUOTA ASSESSED AGAINST LAWRENCE.**

The Army Work branch of the Young Men's Christian Association is making a drive this week to raise thirty-five millions of dollars in the United States to carry on the great work it is doing in our camps and on the firing line in France, or wherever U. S. soldiers are located.

Kentucky's share is \$400,000. Louisville has assumed half of this. The Big Sandy district is to raise \$19,500. Of this amount Boyd county pledges \$15,000. Lawrence county is assessed only \$450.

Mr. Zerfoss was in Louisa Monday to start the movement. A meeting was advertised for Tuesday night at the court house and an organization was perfected for raising the \$450. Mayor R. L. Vinson called the meeting to order and was elected permanent chairman. Rev. Chambers made the opening prayer. At the request of the chairman Rev. Boutwell stated the object of the meeting. Rev. Chambers was called upon to make a talk on the religious phase of the Y. M. C. A. work. He attended a meeting at Ashland last Friday and heard the subject fully discussed. He gave a brief review of the facts given out at that meeting.

Interesting talks by F. H. Yates, Dock Jordan and Col. Northrup followed, emphasizing this work as one of the very greatest and most practical in the entire realm of the war service.

After considerable discussion committees were formed to make a canvass of the town and country. It is a work in which the whole county wants a part and should have it.

The Y. M. C. A. is doing everything that the government is leaving undone for the comfort, wholesome entertainment and safety of the boys in training and at the front. The Y. M. C. A. buildings are called by the boys "our second home." In brief here is what it supplies:

- Provides building for social center.
- Stationary for men to "write home."
- Newsletters and books.
- Checkers, Chess, Dominoes, etc.
- Volleyball, Baseball, Football.
- Motion Pictures.
- Entertainments of all kinds.
- Using Camp talent, stunts.
- Victrolas and Piano.
- Lectures, Educational Classes.
- Religious Meetings, Bible Classes.
- Enlisted Men's Bible and Prayer League.
- Scriptures distributed.
- Visits to sick.
- Sunday Schools.
- Clean Living Campaigns.
- Personal Interviews.
- Secretaries write letters for those unable themselves to write.

From a dug-out in France, Y. M. C. A. officials in this country have received a story that they regard as a confirmation of the need which they hope to supply through their working units on the various fronts.

A British "Tommy" sitting with messmates in one of the Triangle huts at the front, told the story of himself and his mother. It had to do with the final good-bye which he took of his mother, before leaving his home in London. After he had bade farewell to the other members of his family, his mother took him to her bed room where they could be alone, and putting both hands on his shoulders, looked squarely into his face.

"Son," she said, "it is no use my pretending that it does not break my heart to see you go. I know the long night of waiting and anxiety that are ahead of me—wondering, praying, hoping. But it is not sharp or gas that I am most afraid of. I am a British mother, and if you go that way, I shall know how to bear it. Tell me now what to tell my heart if they bring me the word: 'Your son has died in the service of his country.' But there are other things than sharp and gas at the front—other and more deadly things more deadly to you and to your mother's heart."

"I brought you here to my own room—the room where you have kissed me good night every night for twenty years—to ask you if when you have come home to us again you will kiss your mother with as clean a heart as you will kiss her tonight. That is what will be on my heart while you are away, and that is what I want you to remember as the last word I had to say to you."

Y. M. C. A. officials in America, in the faith that mother is a fairly typical one, are planning their war work with just that need in mind. "American mothers" said Fletcher S. Brockman, assistant to John R. Mott, in the direction of the war work, "are not asking whether their sons will come back so much as how they will come back. We mean that they shall come back clean, and all our endeavor shall be directed to that end."

It has been the experience of the service at the front that the morale and the morale of the men are apt to be impaired by various evil influences unless positive substitutes for these influences are set in motion. The Y. M. C. A. working units at the front have operated on the theory that healthy sports and pastimes will satisfy the need which frequently, in their absence, lead the men to seek less desirable methods of recreation. How precisely correct this theory is may be learned from the accounts received by officers who have witnessed the process. It means a happier and a health-

## SPECIAL INSTRUCTOR IN RED CROSS WORK

**MRS. BAYLESS TO CONDUCT PUBLIC MEETING IN LOUISA FRIDAY NIGHT.**

Mrs. Bayless, Red Cross worker, has asked for a public meeting at Louisa Friday night November 16, when she will give full information as to the work to be done. She will give details of the knitting requirements, etc., and especially desire the presence of all the ladies of Louisa.

Chairman R. L. Vinson has therefore called a meeting for seven o'clock at the M. E. Church South. Everybody is invited. This is a good chance to learn all about this great work. Do not permit your name to get on the absent list. Mrs. Bayless will arrive at six ten p. m.

**RED CROSS SUPPER.**

For the benefit of the Red Cross work there will be an oyster supper in the basement of the M. E. Church South on Friday, the 23rd from 4:30 to 6:30 p. m. This is a cause which everybody should help. It is practical war work. Do your bit!

**LAWRENCE COUNTY RED CROSS.**

Interest in the work of the American Red Cross is increasing. Eight new members were secured last Saturday and one call for the organization of an Auxiliary. The following letter has been sent to the teachers of the county with the purpose of following up any response or interest that may be aroused.

Dear Teachers:—Our soldiers are being killed, wounded and captured. This is only the beginning. Thousands more will be sent to France and we must expect to lose many men. There is but one organization authorized to care for the wounded, sick and dying at the battle front and the dependents of our soldiers at home. This is the American Red Cross.

On the recommendation of Prof. Dock Jordan we are writing to you. He says and we agree with him, "If the people of Lawrence county knew the need, we could enroll 5000 members."

Those who know the conditions best say the war will last a long time. A recent report from the Base Line Hospital and battle front can be put in ten brief statements:

1. Lost and missing.
2. Food supplies for prisoners.
3. Paralyzed and nervous wrecks.
4. Amputations everywhere.
5. Grief stricken people.
6. Tuberculosis and other diseases.
7. 1,800,000 homeless, sick and starving children.
8. Inane.
9. Hopelessly crippled and blind.
10. With accommodations for 2,500. Base Hospitals received 17,000 in two hours.

Think what it means when all our boys get there. Membership in the Red Cross means much. If you are not a member, will you join and secure members? The annual fee is \$1.00. For \$2.00 a year's subscription to the Red Cross Magazine is included. We enclose the proper blank. The undersigned will be glad to answer any question regarding the work of the Red Cross.

Yours for service,  
A. C. BORTWICK,  
Secretary Lawrence County Chapter.

The recent work of the American Red Cross in France is partly summarized in the following statements:

- 5,200,000 francs to needy, sick and wounded soldiers and families of soldiers.
- 20 Dispensaries in the American army zone.
- Hospital distributing service supplies, 2,173 French military hospitals and surgical dressing service supplies.
- 2000 French hospitals, 20 front line canteens.
- Canteens at railway centers serve 30,000 soldiers a day.
- An artificial limb factory at Paris.
- A four-unit movable hospital.
- Children's refuge and hospital.
- Traveling dispensary for children.
- Infant welfare stations.
- A tuberculosis sanatorium near Paris.
- Food, clothing, beds and employment for refugee families.
- A large central warehouse at Paris where 200 tons of supplies arrive daily.
- Estimated cost for the next 6 months \$40,000,000.

Only by our quick response will our workers in France be able to meet the critical situation during the winter months.

**TROOP TRAIN IS WRECKED IN WEST**

Three soldiers were killed and sixteen injured Monday in a railroad wreck in Colorado. The troops were traveling east from Utah.

**HONORS REQUISITION.**

Gov. Stanley today honored the requisition of the Governor of Ohio for the extradition from Cattedsburg of Harry Shuler, wanted in Portsmouth, O., on a charge of bigamy.

**PIE MITE AT BUSSEYVILLE.**

There will be a pie mite at the Busseville school house Saturday night November 17 for the benefit of the school. Your presence will be greatly appreciated.

**THE SCHOOL.**

**WOULD BE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.**

Leola P. E. Webb, daughter, a son of ex-Representative John S. Webb, of Whitesburg, announced his candidacy for Sergeant-at-Arms of the next General Assembly. Young Webb was a page at the last two sessions.

## MRS. SARAH LAYNE HAS PASSED AWAY

**DEATH OF ONE OF OUR OLDEST CITIZENS AT AGE EIGHTY-SIX.**

The sufferings of Mrs. Sarah Layne came to an end Tuesday morning of this week at the Wallace place known as Highland Home, two miles west of Louisa. She was 86 years old and had been helpless for six or seven years. On Monday evening she became worse and died at 2 a. m.

The funeral took place at the home on Wednesday at one o'clock p. m. Interment was made in Pine Hill cemetery, by the side of her only daughter, Mrs. Josephine Wallace Spencer. The services were conducted by Rev. H. O. Chambers, pastor of the Louisa M. E. Church South. Quite a number of people from Louisa attended the funeral.

Mrs. Layne is survived by the following grandchildren: T. D. Wallace, Jr., Miss Matilda Wallace, Mrs. J. U. Joliff and L. E. Wallace. She had been a member of the M. E. Church South for many years. Her interest in the affairs of the church and the community continued through all the years of her physical disability and her mind was alert to the last. She had lived in Louisa and vicinity through the greater part of her long life, loved by her family and respected by the community. Her death removes one of our oldest persons. She suffered greatly from rheumatism during recent years.

**BUCHANAN GIRL MARRIES IN IRONTON**

Miss Eric Katherine West, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. West of Buchanan and Mr. Duane Cecil of Catlettsburg, were married November 6 in Ironton, Ohio. They were accompanied by Chas. Kinney, of Buchanan and Miss Wellman of Catlettsburg. The bride wore a becoming suit of blue. They returned to Ashland where they will reside. The groom is employed at the Norton Iron Works.

**CAPTAIN CAM LAYNE NOW AT CAMP SHERMAN**

Dr. P. C. Layne of Ashland, now a captain in the U. S. Army, has been transferred from Ft. Benjamin Harrison to Camp Sherman at Chillicothe, Ohio, and placed in charge of the surgery of the base hospital there.

**KENTUCKY TO GET MONEY FOR SCHOOLS**

Kentucky and West Virginia are among the fourteen states which have been added to the list qualified under the vocational educational act to receive Federal funds for the salaries of teachers and for teacher-training activities.

**ONE BOX OF CANDY—\$117.**

Flemingsburg, November 5.—At an oyster supper held Saturday night at Fairview, in this county, by the Knights of Pythias, a pound box of candy was auctioned off with understanding that it was to be presented to the prettiest girl in the audience. County Judge C. W. Fulton, who acted as the auctioneer, knocked it off to Scott Fields for \$117, who then presented it to Miss Mary Wood Thomas. The proceeds were donated to the war fund of the Knights of Pythias.

**INFORMATION WANTED!**

In regard to any of the following names:

- Collins, John
- Collins, Edward
- Hall, Wm.
- Patton, John Sr.
- Wood, John
- Patton, John Jr.
- Smith, Samuel
- Reynolds, Wm. H.
- Smith, Hiram
- Smith, Wm. J.
- Ward, Wm.
- Thompson, John

These men all served in the Northern Army during the Civil War and enlisted at Louisa, Ky. Present address or last known address or address of widow or children. Possible claim due. L. W. HUBBELL AND SON, Springfield, Mo. 11-p.

**Official Count In Lawrence**

The official count in Lawrence county showed the results exactly as printed in the NEWS last week.

The Magistrates elected are as follows: W. T. Fugitt, J. S. Chapman, G. V. Pack, Henry Bishop, Roscoe Miller, John H. Frasier, B. F. Diamond and G. W. Wellman.

It is reported that J. H. Thompson, defeated for sheriff by six votes, will contest. This will probably be followed by contest proceedings by J. C. Short, who lost for Jailer by three votes. At least one defeated candidate will probably join in.

**MARRIAGE LICENSES.**

- Willie Vanhoose 21 to Sarah Wright.
- Paul Copple 21 to Georgia Riffe 18.
- Cecil Alfred Collier 26 to Nannie Hay 15.
- George Maynard 21 to Rosa Payne 18.
- Cecil Daniels 34 to Samantha Savage 20.

**PAYNE-MAYNARD.**

Mr. George Maynard of Pike-co., and Miss Rosa Payne from over on "The Point" near Louisa, were married on Saturday night at nine o'clock in A. L. Burton's store, in the presence of quite a number of people. Rev. H. O. Chambers was the officiating minister.

## FROM BOYS IN CAMP.

The following is of interest to relatives and friends of these two former school boys in Louisa. They are sons of Jas. Rose, a miller who was a native of this county and lived in Louisa several years:

Camp Doniphan, Ft. Bell Okla.

Big Sandy News.—We are lonely here and would like to hear from our home town. Guess some of our school-mates are there yet. If so, please tell them to write us. Where is Lon Wellman? Also, Ed Spencer and all the rest of them. No matter where we go or what we do we will not forget the old home town on the Sandy river. If we do get to go over the "Big Pond" will send news from the front to you. Thanking you in advance,

Sgt. F. G. Rose, 139 Infantry, B. F. Rose, 129 F. A. Battalion B.

**FREE SCHOLARSHIP PLAN IS INVALID**

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 9.—Free scholarships in the University of Kentucky were abolished by decision of the Court of Appeals today that the law providing for the appointment of at least one student from each county and none in proportion to the scholastic population, to receive their education free is unconstitutional as granting special privileges.

**PAROLES ARE GRANTED.**

The following paroles have been issued by the State Board of Prison Commissioners:

Wesley Combs, Floyd county, manslaughter, 2 to 21 years; Sigal Stampfer, Breathitt county, has served 9 years of life term for murder.

**A LOUISA SOLDIER WRITES FROM FRANCE**

October 15, 1917.

In Field Service, France.

Mr. M. F. Conley, Louisa, Ky.

Dear Sir:—I take this method of letting my friends at Louisa hear a word from one of the Louisa boys who is doing his bit in this great war. I say it in great as I am here and can see it. At the reading I did at home I hardly knew that war was on, but when I landed in England and as we marched through London I saw so many mothers and sisters in mourning. But it seemed to put new life in them when the U. S. boys marched through and King George stood in salute at Buckingham Palace to our boys and flag.

This is a fine country but the farms are badly damaged with trenches, holes and places where villages used to be and a pile of wreckage. I see lots of air battles and go to sleep by the music of the big guns at night which never cease. Our deadliest enemy is gas. I have two gas masks. Work with one by day and sleep with one at night. Before they found out what to do thousands lost their lives by gas. I wear a steel helmet that a ball has to hit center before it will penetrate or reach the head.

I am now in a "hut" very nicely fixed for the winter, but nothing like home and when the people at home are eating turkey for Christmas I will be satisfied with my hard tack and bully beef. But we are doing very well at that. If the people could see as we see over here there would have been no draft in our country, the rats as the Germans referred to as awful besides other things I can not mention as censor is very hard and God only knows when this great slaughter is over, so let us do our best no matter what comes, for the more I see of war time more I am convinced of the fundamental decency of our own people they may have a crude taste in music and art and things of that sort they may lack the poetic industry of the Boche but for sheer goodness of heart, for kindness to all unfortunate things like prisoners, wounded animals and ugly women, they fairly beat the band here.

It is getting dark and no lights allowed after sundown, for the sun guns can fly over and see you, so we watch that very closely. With best wishes to you, your paper and my kinsmen and friends, I am sincerely yours

LUKE MCGUIRE.

Co. E. 12th Engineers Railway, American Expeditionary Force, Somewhere in France.

F. S.—Would like a line.

**TEDDY CONGRATULATES LETCHER'S NEW JAILER**

Fess Whitaker, newly-elected Jailer of Letcher-co., boasts of a bit of interesting history. During the Spanish American War he went alongside Col. Theodore Roosevelt up San Juan Hill under a fire of shot and shell. He claims to have worked in more towns, all the way from California to Eastport, Me., than any other man, having twice toured the country. Upon his recent nomination Col. Roosevelt wired Whitaker congratulations.

**THE WOMEN HAVE ORGANIZED.**

A Woman's Unit of the National Defense was organized at the Christian church Monday night, with Miss Maude Smith at its head and Miss Sue Bromley secretary. This was done at the request of the U. S. government to ready for any work they may be called upon to do. There was a good attendance.

## NATIONAL DEFENSE DAY AT LOUISA

**PATRIOTIC GATHERING HERE LAST SATURDAY WAS A BIG SUCCESS.**

The patriotic rally staged in Louisa last Saturday by the National Defense Committee was a huge success. The ideal weather made it possible for a horde of people to come in from the country and enjoy the day.

There was a parade in the morning led by an Ashland band. At its close the court house was packed to its capacity to hear Mr. K. L. Varney, the U. S. Agricultural Agent, whose territory as supervisor has been extended to include the entire Big Sandy valley. He made an excellent address, urging the people to do their part in the war by producing more food products. He is authorized to put a first class county agent in Lawrence county on a more liberal basis than ever before and the offer should be accepted. Another advantage of the new arrangement will be the supervision which the work will receive from Mr. Varney, one of the most successful men in the service. Heretofore we have had no supervision.

At 12:30 the crowds proceeded to the auditorium of the Kentucky Normal College and in a short time that large hall was completely filled with many persons standing and scores more turned away.

Judge Flem D. Sampson, of the Court of Appeals, spoke first. He was introduced by W. D. O'Neal in a brief and appropriate way. Judge Sampson made a fine speech, full of patriotism and broad views of the awful situation in which the world finds itself just now. He was liberally applauded by the large audience.

At the conclusion of Judge Sampson's address, Hon. R. C. McClure came to the front of the stage and in an eloquent address introduced Gov. A. C. Stanley. The Governor entered at once upon a presentation of facts covering the world war with particular reference to this country's duty and part in it. If there were any present who had believed we could have kept out of the war or should have kept out, they certainly could not maintain that opinion after hearing the Governor's summing up of the facts now so well known in official circles and to a great extent by the world at large. His speech was pronounced by the hearers to be one of the best they had ever heard.

It was a great day for the cause and the hundreds of persons who gathered here went to their homes with a better conception of the situation and of their duty than they have ever had. The difficulty we are having is to realize that we are at war and that every home has a great deal at stake. We must all help in some way. Those who can not go can send. Never miss an opportunity to give something to the Y. M. C. A., the Red Cross, and all other great organizations in the war work. Governor Stanley and Judge Sampson arrived here at 5 a. m. and left at 6:10 p. m.

**M. E. CHURCH.**

Morning 10:30—"Partnership With God."

Evening 6:30—"Prayer and the Reign of Law."

**BAPTIST CHURCH.**

A series of revival services is being given at the Baptist church on Sunday morning, November 25. Further announcement will be made in next week's issue of this paper, by the pastor in regard to the meeting.

**M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.**

Sunday school 9 a. m.

Prayer services 10:30 a. m. and 6:30 p. m.

"The Withered Hand" morning subject. "The Shut Gate" evening subject.

Prayer meeting Wednesday 6:30 p. m. Subject: "Genesis." HERBERT O. CHAMBERS, Pastor.

**LIEUTENANT GARRED IS SAFE IN FRANCE**

Lieutenant Alex Garred of the construction department of the aviation corps of the U. S. Army has reached France in safety. A telegram to this effect was received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Garred of Huntington Monday. Lieutenant Garred had been in business in Cincinnati for several years before he enlisted a few weeks ago. He was the second member of the Garred family to enter the service, his brother, Vinson, having joined the navy a number of months ago.

**BOY DIES FROM INJURIES.**

Whitesburg, Ky., November 12.—William Campbell, a 12-year-old school boy, of Lavers, died at the Fleming hospital this morning from injuries received when he was run over by an L. & N. coal train, near Kona Station. The boy lost both legs. Witnesses to the accident say young Campbell was leaving the railroad track and running up the embankment when he missed his footing and slipped under the wheels. He was an inmate of an orphan's home in Cleveland, O., coming to Lavers some days ago on a visit.

A negro Lieutenant was compelled by citizens of Vicksburg, Miss., to remove his uniform and forced to flee the city in disguise, according to a complaint he made to the War Department.

## SWIFTLY THE MESSENGER OF DEATH CAME

**GUS MUNCY THE LATEST VICTIM OF THE SUDDEN CALL.**

Gus Muncy, a well known citizen living in Smoky Valley, about three miles from Louisa, died very suddenly Wednesday night. He had been in town that evening and was heard to complain of suffering from rheumatism about the shoulders and chest. There also had been indications of heart trouble at times during the last few months.

Mr. Muncy was about 60 years old. He leaves a wife, a grown son and daughter, and some younger children. The son is at Camp Zachary Taylor, having gone with the 78 selectives. Deceased was a son of Wade H. Muncy and a brother of Rev. W. H. Muncy, now serving as pastor of one of the M. E. Churches in Ashland.

This is another of a remarkable number of events happening in this section of country lately, proving the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, as well as the suddenness with which the messenger acts.

**RIFLE-COPELY.**

Mr. Paul Copley of Ashland and Miss Georgia Riffe of East Fork, this county, drove by automobile to Louisa last Friday morning. About half past one that afternoon they were united in marriage the Rev. H. B. Hewlett of the M. E. Church South officiating. The wedding took place in the apartments of Mrs. E. Lockwood, an aunt of the bride, in the presence of a few friends among whom were Mr. Pearley Copley of Ashland, Miss Clifford Wilson and Mr. Aden See.

The bride was lovely in a suit of blue tulle and carried an arm bouquet of beautiful white chrysanthemums. She is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Riffe. She is an attractive young woman and is much admired. It was when attending school in Louisa, she met Mr. Copley. He is the oldest son of Rev. and Mrs. L. M. Copley, who moved from this city to Ashland some time ago. He is a young man of excellent habits and holds a position with the Kentucky Solvay company in Ashland.

After the ceremony the happy couple accompanied by their brother, Pearley Copley, drove to the home of the bride's parents on East Fork. They will reside in Ashland.

Their many Louisa friends join in best wishes for the happiness of these popular young people.

**DEATH ACCIDENTAL.**

Following an inquest in the case of Dennis Deskins 17 years old, son of W. M. Deskins, Borderland, W. Va., Coroner Bauer said yesterday the evidence introduced showed no reason for changing his original verdict of accidental death.

Deskins died at Bethesda hospital October 7 as a result of injuries sustained October 4 when at Ohio Military Institute, College Hill, where he was a student. The young man was hit with a brick thrown by Alvin Ferguson, another student, whose home is at Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Bauer said the evidence indicated plainly that young Ferguson did not intend to injure Deskins when he threw the brick.

An inquest was ordered when Deskins' father swore to a warrant several days ago charging Ferguson with manslaughter. Yesterday Ferguson was tried in detail concerning the injury and his story was corroborated by other students.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

**OIL WELL AT CHARLEY.**

The well recently drilled in on the farm of Lafa Hays at Charley was shot this week and is showing up nicely. It is estimated to be good for 10 barrels or more per day.